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Asst. Chief, Mediterranean Bureau (Cairo)

30 Sept. 1948

Chief, FBIS

Inspection of FBIS Operations in Cairo

1. Attached hereto for your information and files is copy of the findings and recommendations contained in [redacted] report of inspection of the Mediterranean Bureau in Cairo made following his recent inspection of that station. It is recognized that this report may contain errors and discrepancies which should be disregarded by you.

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2. The following comments concerning pertinent paragraphs of this report are made with a view to affording you guidance and obtaining the necessary action from you where the need is indicated.

a. Paragraph 4. It is understood that steps have been taken by you to properly rectify this condition. Please indicate progress in this matter in your Monthly Progress Reports.

b. Paragraph 6. While our records do not indicate an excess of foreign national employees to the number authorized, this branch is interested in effecting a staff reduction among native employees at Cairo where such reduction does not interfere with operations.

c. Paragraph 9. You are requested to take necessary steps for disposition of unserviceable or surplus property now in the possession of your bureau.

d. Paragraph 14. If the Assistant Chief or the Administrative Officer do not know how to change the combination of safes it is suggested that both obtain instructions in this matter from the Embassy Security Officer.

e. Paragraph 17. It has been noted with approval that action has been taken. Progress in this matter should continue to be included in your Monthly Progress Reports.

f. Paragraph 18. This office appreciates the fact that there are not sufficient American personnel for proper supervision of operations in Cairo. However, the reassignment of additional editorial personnel to Cairo is not contemplated at

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g. Paragraph 20. This branch concurs in the recommendation as far as future employment contracts are concerned. However, terms of settlement upon separation are now under consideration by this Agency. You will be advised.

h. Paragraph 21. Inventory described in this paragraph should be sent to for study. The matter of shipping all useful equipment to Cyprus at the appropriate time should be explored.

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i. Paragraph 25. The Assistant Chief will comply insofar as possible in the recommendations contained in this paragraph. While it will be impossible to completely cover up the fact that FBIS is a branch of CIA it should not be publicly advertised. Local employees should see only such unclassified memoranda and documents as apply to their operations.

j. Paragraph 27. This office concurs in the recommendations contained in this paragraph. Such files should be brought up to date at the present time and transmitted to this office when the Cairo station is deactivated.

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